



Meeting Minutes

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISISONERS MEETING

MAY 06, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on May 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Fayette Hay, Karla Bauman, Auditor, and Derrike Kolb, Chief Deputy Auditor.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Linkel.

UPDATES ON COVID-19 EMERGENCY POLICIES: There were some businesses that were looking to open with guidelines. The businesses were Haspin Acres, Canoe rentals, and certain campgrounds. Commissioners Linkel stated he does not have an issue with them opening with proper social distancing guidelines in place. Also, for campgrounds if the camper is already on site then they are allowed to camp. **Motion to accept all the exceptions to opening by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendell, all in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Ms. Cathy Pelsor presented a grant for the Public Transportation for the Commissioners to sign. **Motion to approve and sign Resolution 2020-10 Federal Aid Grant by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

RESOLUTION ON CERTAIN WORTHLESS HIGHWAY SCRAP METAL: Commissioners Linkel read the proposed resolution into the minutes. **Motion to approve Resolution 2020-11 by Commissioners Wendel, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.** A copy of the approved resolution is attached hereto.

ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING HIGHWAY DRIVEWAY PERMIT: Commissioner Linkel read the proposed Ordinance into the minutes. The driveways that are currently being worked on are grandfathered in. Commissioner Wilson did have a question pertaining to if a fee really needed to be charged. Commissioner Linkel stated that in the Ordinance it can be waived and the permit is needed to obtain a home building permit. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-17 Re-Establishing Highway Driveway Permit by Commissioner Wendel, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.** A copy of the approved Ordinance is attached hereto.

ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING COUNTY UTILITY POLICY: Commissioner Linkel stated that the County needs to adopt a policy to make sure that utility companies bury their lines to the correct depth so they are not damaged when the highway department does repairs. Attorney Grant Reeves will get with Highway Engineer Larry Smith to get the proposed ordinance together.

TRANSFER OF CAPITAL ASSETS – CLERK TO RECORDER AND TREASURER: **Motion to allow the transfer of 2 computers from the Clerk's Office one to the Records Office and the other to the Treasurer's Office by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

MINUTES – MARCH 19, APRIL 7, APRIL 9, APRIL 21: **Motion to approve the minutes for the March 19 meeting by Commissioner Wendel, seconded by Commissioner Linkel, Commissioner Wilson Abstained, motion carried.** **Motion to approve minutes for April 7 meeting by Commissioner Wendel,**

seconded by Commissioner Linkel, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve minutes for April 9 meeting by Commissioner Wendel, seconded by Commissioner Linkel, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve minutes for April 21 meeting by Commissioner Wendel, seconded by Commissioner Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS – PAYROLL – PAYROLL DEDUCTION – MAY 8, 2020: Motion to claims from May 6 totaling \$421,668.28, Payroll for May 8 for \$184,292.37 and Payroll Deductions for May 8 totaling \$73,620.01 by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY CROSSING FUNDS: Motion to have Commissioner Secretary Fayette Hay to draft a letter of Support for the Community Crossing Funds and stamp the commissioners' names to it by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Wilson stated that one of them should go to Council to figure out future funding for Community Crossing Grant Projects.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Linkel answered questions from Ms. Sara Duffy. The first question was pertaining to where Franklin County citizens can find local business and organizations plans for safety? Commissioner Linkel stated he was not sure and the County needs to set up their own for their buildings. The seconded question was pertaining to when the White's Sale Barn is going to open? The Commissioners had not heard from them and are not sure. Commissioner Wilson tried to contact them but was unable to. The third question was pertaining to how they are advising large businesses to maintain social distancing among its customers. Commissioner Linkel stated it would be in their plan. The fourth question pertained to how the county will handle Memorial Day event in Brookville and Metamora? The Commissioners stated that per the Governor large crowds and festivals are not allowed to open until July 4. The fifth question was pertaining to the county campground opening on May 24? Commissioners stated yes that is the prediction. The sixth question was pertaining to asking the state for advice about when Canoe rentals will be allowed to reopen? The Commissioners stated reading the advisements from the Governor's office. The seventh question was pertaining to if Franklin County is going to get a site with free COVID testing? Commissioners stated that Angie from the Health Department is looking into it. The last question was pertaining to how much of the \$300 million in federal funds Franklin County will receive? The Commissioners stated that the totals had not yet been distinguished from the state.

The County Engineer, Larry Smith, advised the Commissioners the MVH distributions from the state are behind by 2 months and are likely to drop.

Ms. Duffy asked a couple of follow up questions. One was pertaining to when Haspin Acres can open. Commissioner Linkel stated that they can open immediately.

Grant Reeves asked about reopening the government building to the public. Commissioner Linkel stated that he is not in a hurry to open up the buildings, and the Treasurer's office does not want to open up just yet. After some discussion the consensus was the courts needed to open by May 18th and the clerk needed to have the courthouse open for early voting by May 26th. The Government Center will open to the public on June 15th.

Commissioner Wilson received a call from White's prior to adjournment and they are holdin off until the state tells them they are okay to open.

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Wendel, seconded by Commissioners Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes for May 6, 2020 approved.

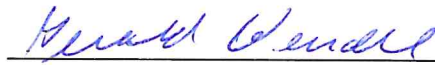
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ATTESTED BY:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor